

line 21, change "that duration can meet a constraint on" to

--for constraining--.

Page 15, line 10, delete "for attaching"; and

line 11, delete "prepared".

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 without prejudice and amend the claims  
as rewritten below.

3. (Amended) [A] The side air bag as recited in claim [1] 8 or claim [2] 9,  
wherein:

a linear connecting portion, for partitioning in a substantially horizontal  
direction and in parallel with a flow direction of an inflator gas, is formed to  
connect said two woven fabric panels [fabrics constituting said bag portion,] at a  
center region of said bag portion [,] ; and

[and wherein] the linear connecting portion for partitioning is formed by  
weaving [as] a textile structure having a common [constituting] yarn [with]  
included in both said [both fabrics] two woven fabric panels.

4. (Amended) A side air bag [as recited in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein] for inflation by an inflator mechanism for expanding the side air bag alongside a window of a vehicle, comprising:

a bag portion formed by two woven fabric panels connected along an outer peripheral portion by a connecting portion;

said connecting portion for connecting said two woven fabric panels being formed by weaving a textile structure having a common yarn included in both said two woven fabric panels;

said bag portion sealed over a whole area thereof by an air non-permeable coating material;

a linear connecting portion for partitioning in parallel with a flow direction of an inflator gas is formed on a center region of said bag portion by [a stitch for] stitching connecting said two woven [fabrics constituting said bag portion,] fabric panels; and

[wherein] an inflator-side terminal portion of the [stitch is] stitching being formed [as] having one of a U-shape or a circular shape.

7. (Amended) [A] The side air bag as recited in claim 4, wherein an opening for introducing an inflator gas is formed in a part of said connecting portion.

Please add the following claims.

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8. A side air bag for inflation by a mechanism for expanding the bag portion alongside a window of a vehicle, comprising:

a bag portion formed by two woven fabric panels connected along an outer peripheral portion by a connecting portion;

said connecting portion for connecting said two woven fabric panels being formed by weaving a textile structure having a common yarn included in both said two woven fabric panels;

said bag portion sealed over a whole area thereof by an air non-permeable coating material; and

said connecting portion is non-continuous having a gap to form an opening for introducing an inflator gas, said opening being defined by said connecting portion and said two woven fabric panels.

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*9*. The side air bag as recited in claim *8*, wherein said opening extends to form a cylindrical duct.